



Flashback

Back in Time

What It Is

- Turning back the clock
- Scenes that took place in the past
- Scenes literally “flash back”
- Brings story or play to a standstill



What It Is NOT!

- Just talking about the past
- Referring to past experiences



What It Is NOT!

- The beginning of The Incredibles is exposition—NOT flashback
- Magic School Bus – episodes not considered flashbacks
- CSI – hypothesizing events—they didn't happen exactly that way



Why Use Flashback?

- Gives audience first-hand look at the past
- Gives background audience needs to understand situations or characters
- Brings to life the memory of the character having the flashback



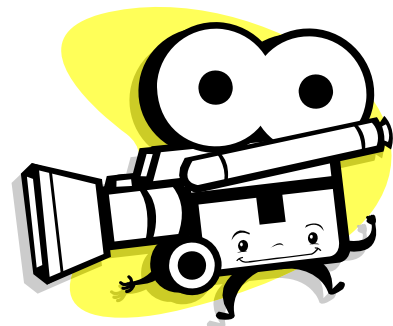
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- Lets audience understand character behavior and motivation
- May give some foreshadowing clues as to the future of the characters



Examples

- “A Christmas Carol”
- It’s a Wonderful Life
- The Diary of Anne Frank (the play version)



Buddy Chat

- Share with your learning buddy a flashback from a book or short story you have read or a movie you've seen

